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Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review

This communication is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 10, 2009 (the Office Action). The Examiner rejected pending claims 43-45, and 67-87 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,501,916 (Teramoto) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,399,242 (Kitoh) and U.S. Patent No. 3,159,508 (Chreitzberg).

To support the pending rejection, the Office Action relies on Teramoto's Figure 9 as described in example 2. The Office Action then argues that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use flexible conductive tabs to electrically attach the negative electrode to the second battery lid such that the tab is only immobilized at a second location past the center point from the first location of the cap in the battery of Teramoto, et al., as taught by Kitoh et al. and Chreitzberg." However, the proposed modification of Teramoto's Figure 9 results in a shorted battery.

In order to see the shorted battery that results from the proposed modification, note that Teramoto's positive electrode is already in electrical communication with the battery winding core 48 (C8, L47-50). This winding core is also in electrical communication with both lids 47 (See Figure 9 and note use of insulator 46 between lid and case). As a result, electrically attaching the negative electrode to either of the lids 47 as suggested in the Office Action would result in both the positive and negative electrode being in electrical communication with one of the lids and would accordingly result in a shorted battery.

A modification that would result in a shorted battery is not an obvious modification to make. Further, since “**the proposed modification cannot render the prior art unsatisfactory for its intended purpose**” (heading of MPEP 2143.01) and a shorted battery is clearly unsatisfactory for its intended purpose, claim 43 is patentable over the cited art.

Rejection of claims 44-45, and 67-87

Claims 44-45, and 67-87 each depends directly or indirectly from independent claim 43. Since claim 43 is believed to be in condition for allowance, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted

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